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In re Application of :  
Casey O'Hara : DECISION GRANTING PETITION  
Application No. 10/092,666 :  
Filed: March 5, 2002 :  
Attorney Docket No. VT0309-US1 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 6, 2006, to revive the above-identified application. The petition was recently forwarded to the Office of Petitions for a decision on the merits. The Office sincerely apologizes for any inconvenience.

This application became abandoned for failure to pay the issue fee as required by the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed on September 23, 2005, which set a three (3) month statutory period for reply. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on December 24, 2005. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on January 27, 2006. Petitioner has met the requirements under 37 CFR 1.137(b). Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136, an extension of time must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum period obtainable for reply to avoid abandonment. Petitioner submitted a request for an extension of time to file a response with the present petition after the maximum period obtainable for reply. Accordingly, the \$1,020.00 extension of time fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account.

This matter is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Publication for processing into a patent.

Telephone inquiries concerning the issuance of the application into a patent should be directed to the Office of Patent Publication, Customer Service at (571) 272-4200.

Telephone inquiries specifically concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3211.

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